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## News Release

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### **County Parks & Recreation Plans Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for Three Park Properties**

Leesburg, VA - The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2006, kicks off springtime with the official opening of three park properties on Saturday, April 1. The first two ceremonies take place at Elizabeth Mills Riverfront Park and Kephart Bridge Landing located in the Lansdowne development of Leesburg, Virginia. The public is invited to join members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the ceremonies beginning at 10:00AM at Elizabeth Mills Riverfront Park. The property, located at 435 Squirrel Ridge Place, includes 122 acres of passive parkland with access to the Potomac River and Goose Creek. The park is home to the historic Elizabeth Mills canal lock system and will contain a section of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. From the Lansdowne Blvd. entrance, cross over Riverside Parkway, turn right onto Riverpoint Drive, turn right at Squirrel Ridge Drive and follow to the parking lot.

The second ribbon cutting is scheduled at 11:00AM at Kephart Bridge Landing, the canoe and kayak launch facility located within Elizabeth Mills Riverfront Park at 43942 Riverpoint Drive. The landing is accessed from Riverpoint Drive. From the park, take Squirrel Ridge Drive back to Riverpoint Drive. Turn right. Continue on Riverpoint Drive and cross over Upper Belmont Place. The entrance to the landing will be on the left. From the Belmont Ridge Road entrance, cross over Riverside Parkway, turn left onto Riverpoint Drive.

The final ribbon cutting ceremony takes place at 12:00PM at Bles Park located at 44830 Riverside Parkway in the University Center development of Ashburn, Virginia. The 124-acre property includes a 30-acre active park with soccer fields, walking/hiking trails, a tot lot, a parking lot and restrooms and a 94-acre passive park with wetlands that will contain sections of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and Broad Run Corridor Trail. From Route 7 in Ashburn, take the Presidential Drive entrance into University Center, turn right onto George Washington Blvd., turn left onto Riverside Parkway and follow to Bles Park.

For more information about the properties or activities planned for April 1<sup>st</sup>, please contact Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services at 703-777-0343 or [prcs@loudoun.gov](mailto:prcs@loudoun.gov).

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